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TITLE OF INVENTION: CAPILLARY ASSISTED LOOP THERMOSIPHON APPARATUS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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/Tho v Duong/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3744					

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher B Austin on 6/16/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 3, at line 2, before "liquid line", 'a' has been deleted and -- the-- has been inserted.

In claim 6, at line 2, 'a liquid line irrigator connects to the liquid line,' has been deleted.

In claim 7, at line 5, 'a liquid line irrigator is connected to the liquid line," has been deleted.

In claim 15, at line 5, 'a liquid line irrigator is connected to the liquid line;' has been deleted.

In claim 19, at line 2, before "liquid line", 'a' has been deleted and -- the -- has been inserted.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record either taken singularly or in combination fails to disclose the invention as claimed. In particular, reference to Chu's 810 and Khrustaleve's 510 are the closest prior art but fail to disclose that a liquid line irrigator is connected to the liquid line, and the liquid line irrigator extends along of the capillary wick to dispense liquid to the capillary wick in combination with other limitations in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tho v. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-4793. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tyler J. Cheryl can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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